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For: CATALYST, ITS PREPARATION AND THE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

With the exception of U.S. patents, a copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is given for only non-English language listed items.

U.S. 6,043,338 relates to a method of producing polyoxytetramethylene glycol and is the English-language counterpart of cited reference DE 195 27 532.

DE 11 73 442 relates to a procedure for the production of activated clay.

FR 915 458 relates to a process for the activation of clays.

U.S. 3,901,826 relates to acid treated, three-sheet mineral absorbents and method for preparing same and is the English-language counterpart of DE 22 47 530.

U.S. 4,189,566 relates to the polymerization of tetrahydrofuran and is the English-language counterpart of DE 28 01 578.

WO 03/002631 relates to a catalyst and method for the production of polytetrahydrofuran.

U.S. 6,362,312 relates to a catalyst and method for the production of polytetrahydrofuran and is the English-language counterpart of DE 198 01 462.

U.S. 6,274,700 relates to a catalyst and method for producing polytetrahydrofuran and is the English-language counterpart of DE 197 55 415.

U.S. 5,268,345 relates to reactivation of montmorillonite catalysts and is the English-language counterpart of EP 0 535 515.

Klockmanns Mineralogie, pages 739-765, relates to silicates mi $[\text{SiO}_4]$ -Tetraedern in even nets.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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